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NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRACK WORK SET IN MICHIGAN Patience requested during disruptions to eliminate speed restrictions; Temporary train cancellations, schedule changes, and service substitutions needed to allow completion of improvements in early May

CHICAGO – Following work set to begin April 16, Amtrak *Wolverine Service* and *Blue Water* passengers can expect normal travel times on Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) track in Michigan by early May.

While NS crews work to eliminate the temporary “slow orders” they imposed on March 15, certain trains will be cancelled, have different schedules, or have segments covered by chartered motorcoaches, to allow completion of track work.

Amtrak has posted temporary schedules for the *Wolverines* (Trains 350-355) and the *Blue Water* (Trains 364 & 365). Amtrak service in mid-Michigan will continue to be delayed from 45 to 90 minutes on Pontiac-Detroit-Chicago *Wolverine* trains, with lesser delays to the *Blue Water* trains to and from Chicago and Port Huron. The *Blue Water* uses only NS-owned track in Michigan between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

Passenger Service Notices are provided at stations, shown as part of the booking process on Amtrak.com and posted at Amtrak.com/Alerts. Further significant temporary changes to accommodate track work after April 18 will be announced as details become available.

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